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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 21st December 1956.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half-past two of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I wish to announce to the House that the new Sheriff of Madras has come in her uniform to-day. (Cheers.)

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Corruption cases in South Arcot district during 1954–55 *and* 1955–56

* 118 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of corruption cases detected in the South Arcot district during the years 1954–55 and 1955–56;

(*b*) the nature of punishment awarded; and

(*c*) the number of cases that are still under investigation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) The number of corruption cases detected in the South Arcot district during the years 1954–55 and 1955–56 are 5 and 7 respectively.

(*b*) The punishments of reduction in pay in two cases, reduction in pension in one case, compulsory retirement in two cases and dismissal in two cases were ordered.

(*c*) Two cases are still under investigation.

Wearing Khadi by Block Development Officers

* 119 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM (on behalf of Sri A. Gajapathy Nayagar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any instruction that Block Development Officers on duty should wear khadi; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that they are asked to promote the use of khadi in their areas?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Yes. They have been asked to promote the use of khadi in their areas by way of selling khadi at least to the value of Rs. 1,000 and they have been made responsible for achieving that target.